



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County Fuel Reduction 2010		
PROJECT LOCATION	Within the towns of Mt. Shasta, Weed, Klamath River, Montague, CA, Gazelle, CA, Big Springs, CA, and Yreka, CA.	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

I-5 Mt Shasta Demo Fuelbreak/Shaded Fuelbreak – Construction of a fuel break/shaded fuel break that will extend an existing U.S. Forest Service fuelbreak in order to improve firefighter safety and the fire safety of neighboring property by reducing spread of potential fire starts along I-5, Union Pacific Railroad, South Old Stage Road and relative neighborhoods.

Black Mountain/Klamath River Country Estates (KRCE) Fuels Reduction Project – This project is located south and southeast of Hornbrook on the north and east midslopes of Black Mountain, predominately embracing the KRCE Subdivision, an area with high fuel loading. The total project area is approximately 4,000 acres, with about 300 structures. The project will concentrate on treating 50 acres within these properties to create at least 100 foot defensible spaces around the structures and reduce fuel loading along the emergency access routes.

West Yreka Fuels Reduction Project - This project, providing hazardous fuel reduction, is located west and northeast of Yreka from Walters Rd. north to Humbug Road in an area with high fuel loading and bordered by industrial timberlands to the west.

West Weed Fuels Reduction Project - This project will provide hazardous fuel reduction in a Wild Land Urban Interface (WUI) area located west of Weed, CA. This area is a forested rural environment with the majority of homeowners living on narrow, one-lane gravel and dirt roads.

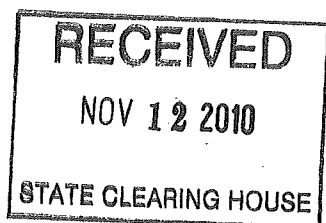
EXEMPTION STATUS

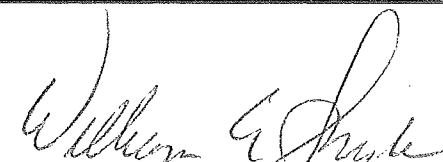
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 Minor alterations to land Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA guidelines §15304 exempts minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause other significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's office, above.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 11/10/10
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